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### **(1) CSD Service Provider News**

CSD is pleased to announce that Community Housing Services, Inc., has been granted final recognition as the Community Action Agency (CAA) to provide Community Services Block Grant services to the Pasadena-Foothill service area. This designation is effective January 1, 2000.

### **(2) CSBG & LIHEAP Contract Update**

Draft Program Year 2000 contracts for LIHEAP and CSBG have been mailed to contractors. If you so choose, you can provide written comments, but please do so no later than the end of the month. The final LIHEAP and CSBG contracts will be mailed on October 1, 1999.

### **(3) CSBG State Plan Hearing**

A joint legislative hearing will be conducted by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and the Assembly Human Services Committee on the California Department of Community Services and Development's 2000-2001 proposed State Plan and Application for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). The hearing will be held on August 18, 1999, in Room 4203 of the State Capitol.

### **(4) Y2K Update**

The federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is focusing its Y2K reviews on five critical programs: the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Child Support Enforcement, Child Welfare and Child Care Programs and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. A team from ACF and their Y2K contractor, Electronic Data Systems (EDS), reviewed CSD's Y2K status on June 16, 1999, and finished their audit with no major findings. The team has since made site visits to three local service providers, and a final report is due shortly.

At the state level, Governor Gray Davis has made Y2K a top priority and has directed the Department of Information Technology to coordinate an intensive effort to ensure readiness for the turn of the century. The Detailed Department Assessment of CSD's systems and contingency plans was done on June 18. This audit had no major findings. The state report is located on the Department of Information Technology's web site at [www.doit.ca.gov](http://www.doit.ca.gov).

The important work to be finished is a plan for business continuity and contingency measures so that CSD and its network of LIHEAP service providers can continue to make services available to low-income households in the event that Y2K glitches occur. First and foremost is the plan to have LIHEAP and CSBG contracts for the 2000 program year mailed to contractors by October 1 and to distribute all contract advances by December 31, thus avoiding potential problems during the critical period. CSD is also distributing a Y2K survey and a tool for self-assessment to its contractors as part of this effort. In addition, the department will be requesting assistance from the major utilities in working with local providers on ECIP payment guarantees and avoiding utility shut-offs.

CSD will be sharing information concerning emergency contacts at the county level that are being developed through the State/County Coordination Task Force established by the California Health and Human Services Agency under Secretary Grantland Johnson.

CSD's finalized business continuity and contingency plan will be made available in September.



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## **(5) LIHEAP News**

### ***California Moves up to Third Rank Nationwide in LIHEAP Leveraging Competition***

CSD recently received California's 1999 LIHEAP Leveraging Incentive Grant Award in the amount of \$2,141,178. This is an increase of approximately \$300,000 over our 1998 award. California has moved to the third rank from the fourth rank in the nation in this competitive process and has, for the first time, surpassed the State of New York in our efforts to leverage non-federal resources. Congratulations to all the LIHEAP service providers who submitted leveraging applications to CSD in the last round of competition.

The LIHEAP Service Providers Committee (LSPC), in their meeting on July 30, recommended to CSD to use approximately \$450,000 (the same amount as used in 1999) of the award to distribute to the 1995 minimum funded counties and the City of Berkeley as part of the LIHEAP distribution formula for the Year 2000.

The remainder of the Leveraging Grant Award will be distributed using CSD's existing policy which distributes grant award funds only to those local service providers who applied based on how much each provider leveraged in comparison with each provider's LIHEAP allocation.

These remaining leveraging funds will be allocated to two LIHEAP program components for the Year 2000 as follows: 75% to the Weatherization Program and 25% to the Energy Crisis Intervention Program.

### ***LIHEAP Service Providers Committee Recommends Year 2000 Formulas***

The quarterly LIHEAP Service Providers Committee (LSPC) Meeting was held in San Francisco on Friday, July 30, 1999. One of the crucial items on the agenda was the development of and recommendation to CSD of a distribution formula or formulas for LIHEAP for the Year 2000.

Because CSD's Y2K Business Continuity Plan provides for the mailing of Year 2000 LIHEAP contracts to its local service providers by October 1 and the issuance of all advance payments by December 31, 1999, this was the last opportunity to address the formula issue at a regularly scheduled quarterly LSPC meeting.

The LSPC Meeting was well attended. Thirty-six of the 44 LIHEAP service providers were represented. Twenty-seven were actually present and the remaining nine were represented by proxy.

After a lengthy discussion, the LSPC was successful in reaching a consensus on two recommendations to CSD as follows:

### ***Distribution Formula for LIHEAP Administrative Funds***

In accordance with state law, the administrative funds allocation for local service providers increases from 4% of the total federal allocation in 1999 to 5% of the total in the Year 2000. The LSPC recommended that the administrative funds be allocated using the three-factor (low-income population, energy costs, climate) formula. As a result of this distribution, any county which would fall below \$9806, which was the "floor" allocation for 1999, would be brought up to that amount. There would be two exceptions, Alpine and Sierra Counties, that would receive \$1,961 and \$3,922, respectively. The positive impact of this recommendation is that **NO** local service provider would receive a reduction in administrative dollars in comparison to their 1999 allocation.

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## **Distribution Formula for LIHEAP Program Funds**

The LSPC recommended a two-part formula for the distribution of LIHEAP Program funds:

### Part I

The first part of the formula would be applied to the LIHEAP Block Grant Program funds. The LSPC proposed to use "Option 10" again for the Year 2000. This option was developed for the 1999 distribution formula and applies a transportation allowance to each **service area** that would fall below .6% using the three-factor formula as follows:

	3- Factor	Option 10
Colusa-Glenn-Trinity	.00478	.006
Del Norte	.00319	.004
Inyo-Mono	.00249	.004
Mariposa	.0013	.002
Modoc	.00157	.002
Nevada	.00416	.005
San Benito	.00135	.002

The balance of the funds would be distributed to all other counties using the three-factor formula.

### Part II

The second part of the formula would use a portion of California's 1999 LIHEAP Leveraging Incentive Grant Award which totaled \$2,141,178. The LSPC proposed to use the same amount of the award that was used in 1999 (approximately \$450,000) to be distributed to the 1995 minimum funded counties and the City of Berkeley. These leveraging funds would be provided with the condition that those counties that received these dollars would make an effort to increase their leveraged resources in the Year 2000.

The LSPC's formula recommendations have been approved by CSD's Director. CSD appreciates the efforts of the LSPC in reaching a consensus on this issue.



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## **(6) Grants/Resources/Notices**

Federal Register - Two locations on the Internet: (1) [http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/aces/aces140.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html) and  
(2) <http://www.gpo.ucop.edu/search/fedfld.html>

July 15 -- 38187; Education; Demonstration grants for Indian children and professional development.

July 19 -- 38626; Commerce; The Census Bureau will cease printed publication of the "Census Catalog and Guide" effective August 18. This publication's information and additional data will be available as the "Product Catalog" on the Internet at <http://www.census.gov>. It will also distribute the information annually on CD-ROM.

July 22 -- 39418; EDP; Final rule correction for requirements for disclosure of known lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards in housing.

July 23 -- 40249; HUD; Grants for the HUD Healthy Homes Initiative to demonstrate cost effective, preventive measures to correct multiple safety and health hazards in the home environment which produce serious diseases and injuries in children, including lead hazard control.

July 27 -- 40575; Corporation for National and Community Service; Grants to provide training and technical assistance to state commissions on national and community service.

July 27 -- 40685; HUD; Grants for the Section 8 Family Self-Sufficiency Program Coordinators for the Section 8 Rental Certificate and Rental Voucher Programs.

July 30 -- 41704; Education; Grants for the Federal Pell Grant Program for students of higher education to apply for grants.

August 2 -- 41907; Agriculture; Grants for emergency assistance to low-income migrant and seasonal farmworkers.

## **Healthy Families/Medi-Cal for Children Outreach RFA**

The California Department of Health Services (DHS) has just released a Request for Application (RFA). This RFA is to provide for direct outreach and enrollment activities associated with the Healthy Families Program/Medi-Cal for Children. The total amount available is \$6 million. The RFA can be downloaded from DHS' web site at <http://www.dhs.cahwnet.gov/mcs/omcp> or by contacting Michael Neff at (916) 323-7406; fax (916) 464-0855; E-mail [OMCPRFP2@dhs.ca.gov](mailto:OMCPRFP2@dhs.ca.gov). The application deadline is August 27.

## **Federal Housing Dollars for California**

Governor Davis announced that California has been awarded a total of \$94,978,000 for housing and community development activities. The programs to be awarded are as follows: CDBG, \$42.9 million; HOME, \$43.9 million; HOPWA, \$2.4 million; and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), \$5.7 million. HCD will administer the CDBG, HOME and ESG and Health Services' Office of AIDS will administer HOPWA.

## **Federal Money Retriever**

For those of you who are looking for available federal funds, check out the "Federal Money Retriever" web site at <http://www.fedmoney.com>. The cost to subscribe starts at \$40.00 per year.

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## National Network of Grantmakers (NNG)

For grant seekers, NNG has two primary resources: The 1998 "Grantmakers Directory" which lists funders of social and economic justice projects. The Directory is available for \$32.33. The second resource is the "Common Grant Application" which is a set of guidelines for the creation of fundraising proposals. This resource is free and can be downloaded at [http://www.nng.org/html/forgratnseekers/resources\\_mar.html](http://www.nng.org/html/forgratnseekers/resources_mar.html).

## The Ralphs/Food 4 Less Foundation

This foundation provides funding to nonprofit organizations in Southern California. They have funding for such programs as youth, health, arts and cultural awareness, disaster relief, and hunger. For further information on this foundation, check their web site at <http://www.ralphs.com/about/foun.asp>; E-mail [advert@ralphs.com](mailto:advert@ralphs.com) or call (888) 437-3496.

## Foundation Web Sites

SRA's Grantsweb -- <http://sra.com/cws/sra/private.htm>

Community Foundations -- [http://fdncenter.org/grantmaker/gws\\_comm/comm.html](http://fdncenter.org/grantmaker/gws_comm/comm.html)

Community Foundations -- <http://intl.cof.org/community/cflist.html>

Charity Net Foundations -- <http://www.charitynet.org/> (you will need to sign up, it is free)

## June & Julian Foss Foundation

This foundation is now accepting applications for grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$30,000 for youth-oriented projects. They will favor groups that require start-up funds and that take risks in the early stages of their development. They do not provide support for operating costs, new construction, endowment, or individuals. The deadline is September 1. For further information, contact Virginia Hubbell, Administrator, 283 Second Street East, Sonoma, CA 95476; (707) 938-8048.

## Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation (MEAF)

This foundation gives grants for projects that incorporate innovative technological approaches to helping disabled children and youth. Emphasis is on programs that use technology to advance the independence, productivity, and inclusion of youths with disabilities. They have an open filing period. For further information, contact MEAF at 1150 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 1020, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 857-0031; web site <http://www.meaf.org>.

## **Odds and Ends**

### New College Graduation Requirement

Governor Davis has asked the University of California to work with California State University and California Community Colleges toward development of a community service requirement for graduation. Governor Davis strongly supports community service and wants students to understand the importance of contributing to their communities. This request was sent in a letter to Richard Atkinson, President of the University of California on July 15.

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## **Lead Poisoning Settlements**

Attorney General Reno and Housing Secretary Cuomo announced on July 15 that settlements of over \$1 million were made against landlords who violated federal law by failing to warn their tenants that their homes may contain lead-based paint hazards. The actions were the first ever filed under the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act. For further information, check their web site at <http://www.hud.gov/pressrel/pr99-123.html> or call HUD at (202) 708-0685 in Washington, DC, or your local HUD Office.

## **McAuley Institute**

This Institute is a national nonprofit housing organization formed by the Sisters of Mercy. They provide state-of-the-art technical assistance and financial resources to organizations that work to expand housing and economic opportunities for low-income women and their families. For further information, check their web site at <http://www.bhconline.org/mcauley/>.

## **Congratulations**

### **Kern County EOC**

Kern County EOC has been awarded two grants from the Department of Education for more than \$1.3 million to open 403 child care slots for children age infants to 3 years old. Congratulations!

### **Federal Emergency Shelter Grant Program Awards**

HCD will award \$5,558,292 for this program to organizations throughout California. Congratulations to the following agencies for receiving an award for this program:

Amador-Tuolumne CAA

Merced County CAA

Campeños Unidos, Inc.

Napa County Council for Economic Opportunity

Redwood CAA

CAA of Butte County

Sonoma County PEO

## **(7) "Outreach, Leadership & Information Technology" Training Conference**

CSD is one of the sponsors of the Latino Journal Magazine's conference on outreach, leadership, and information technology scheduled for August 16 through 18. CSD Director, Michael J. Micciche, will be a panelist at the workshop dealing with the issue of effective outreach. The name of the workshop is "CALIFORNIA'S POPULATION AND ECONOMIC TRENDS AND THE NEED FOR EFFECTIVE OUTREACH". Mr. Micciche will highlight the need and value of including community-based organizations in outreach activities in his presentation. Other members of the panel include Attorney General Bill Lockyer, Dr. Leo Estrada, UCLA Professor, and other California experts on this issue.

In addition, there are other workshops discussing management strategies, the future of California Government, as well as insight from leading experts on the role of information technology and state government. A partial list of the panelists for these workshops includes: California's Health and Human Services Agency Secretary, Grantland Johnson, the Director of the Governor's Department of Information Technology, Mr. Elias Cortez, and Governor Davis' Chief Appointments Secretary, Mr. Dario Frommer. CSD has provided sponsorships to this conference for the service provider organizations that represent the CSD network. For more information on this conference, please contact the Latino Journal Magazine at (916) 492-9163 or Bob Castaneda with CSD at (916) 323-8695.